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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, TH, CH
SUBJECT: RTG DEFENSE MINISTER DAWEE VISIT TO PEKING

REF: BANGKOK 1425

1. USLO APPRECIATES DESIRABILITY OF ASSISTING RTG DELEGATION HEADED BY AIR CHIEF MARSHAL DAWEE, AND WILL BE AS FORTHCOMING AS POSSIBLE CONSIDERING OUR OWN RATHER SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH PRC. WE ARE CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THAT WE NEITHER APPEAR TO BE PUSHING THAI MOVES TOWARD RECOGNITION OR THAT THAIS APPEAR TO BE LOOKING TO US FOR GUIDANCE. THERE IS VIRTUALLY NO WAY DAWEE COULD SEE US OR PASS MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED WITHOUT PRC AUTHORITIES BEING AWARE OF IT. THIS WOULD VERY LIKELY ASSOCIATE US IN CHINESE VIEW WITH WHATEVER PROPOSALS DAWEE MAY BRING WITH HIM.

2. WE, THEREFORE, SUGGEST THAT DAWEE BE TOLD WE PREPARED TO ASSIST BUT ONLY IN CASE TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATION OF GREATEST URGENCY REQUIRED.

3. WE SEE FEWER PROBLEMS WITH HONG KONG BRIEFING. USLO DOES NOT PLAN TO SEND ANYONE DOWN, BUT WE FEEL CONGEN FULLY CAPABLE OF HANDLING IT, PARTICULARLY SINCE CONGEN OSBORN AND SEVERAL STAFF MEMBERS HAVE VISITED PEKING AND ARE WELL INFORMED ON MATTERS OF DIRECT CONCERN TO DAWEE.

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4. FOR DEPARTMENT: REQUEST CONCURRENCE THIS APPROACH.
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